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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere throughout the country, prices were unchanged to sharply lower on the larger sizes, and unchanged to lower on mediums. The market tone was about steady. Demand was mixed, light to fairly good at times, with better movement usually centering around promotional activity. Supplies ranged at least adequate to instances ample, with the extra large and large sizes continuing in the longest position. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained light. Light type hens were generally ample for current processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 11.5 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 2.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 8 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 6 cents lower on mediums when based on previous week averages. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand into all outlets was fair to fairly good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available.

MIDWEST EGG Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were sharply lower for the larger sizes and 2 cents lower for mediums. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly fair to fairly good, best into retail features. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and in good balance for medium and small. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light trading and demand. Most breakers were satisfied with existing inventories and regular commitments. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Food service trade was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to instances ample.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower, elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady at current price values. Demand was generally fair to moderate entering the week, and was usually better for the scattered feature activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with the larger sizes in the longest position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending December 03, 1999, was 54.24 cents, 14.10 cents lower than the week before, and 30.08 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Spent hen availability was ample for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 7 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	88-90	77-79	59-61
New York	52-54	49-52	40-43
Philadelphia	50-55	48-53	39-41
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	42-43	40.5-42	34-35
Jackson (1)	52-53	49-50	40-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-63	47-61	39-53
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	42-47	41-46	32-37
Detroit (2)	39-42	38-41	28-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	40-46.5	39-45	29-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	43-50	41-48	32-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	58-60	55-56	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	78	71	63
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 43. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 119, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 139; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 98, large dozen 89.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	91		
EXTRA LARGE	78		
LARGE	71		
MEDIUM	63		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199	LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 10, 1999 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 03, 1999 were 303,604 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 20 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	273,791	29,813	303,604
% change from the prior week.....	-6	-7	-7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand light for the adequate to fully offerings. Breakers generally satisfied with regular commitments and existing inventories. Schedules fulltime to overtime. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	18-20
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	6-8

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were lower compared to the past week. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for a moderate demand. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-18	10-12	11.87

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8-12.5	10.74

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Dec 06,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.6	7.2	4.5	11.2	7.0	35.5
	Change	0.7	-1.7	-0.4	3.1	-0.8	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.7	32.2	9.7	27.7	29.4	124.7
	Change	2.5	4.9	0.2	1.5	10.1	18%
Large	Curr Wk	43.2	69.0	53.9	72.4	86.4	324.9
	Change	4.1	4.8	-7.7	9.9	0.2	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.1	32.0	11.3	28.0	19.1	108.5
	Change	3.4	6.2	0.7	7.6	1.3	22%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	5.8	2.2	6.7	7.0	26.3
	Change	-0.6	-4.4	0.5	1.8	0.7	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	19.5	5.2	11.8	5.2	46.4
	Change	-1.4	-8.6	-4.4	-2.8	-2.5	-30%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	40.5	78.0	19.3	28.0	53.7	219.5
	Change	-5.1	-1.9	-7.1	-1.8	-5.7	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	142.4	243.7	106.1	185.8	207.8	885.8
Percent	Change	3%	0%	-15%	12%	2%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	885.8	1%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	493.1	7%	40
Total Shell Egg	1378.9	3%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 3, 1999

CURRENT LOADS	11.50	FUTURE LOADS	8.50	TOTAL LOADS	20.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	26.00	—	—	28.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	27.00	—	—	31.83	4.50				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00												
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.50	47.00	—	—	1.00												
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	3.00												
GL W LG	—	—	30.00	34.25	—	—	3.50												
GL W MD	—	26.00	21.25	23.00	23.29	—	5.50												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/27/99-12/03/99

CURRENT LOADS	150.00	FUTURE LOADS	35.00	TOTAL LOADS	185.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	30.00	—	25.00	29.20	24.67	—	9.50	GNR W 1	—	27.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.50	
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	21.00	—	6.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.50	
GNR W 3	20.00	21.00	17.50	19.33	17.33	19.00	12.00	GNR W 3	—	25.67	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	23.50	—	2.00	GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	49.25	50.50	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	36.00	—	1.00	GL W J	41.00	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	2.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	32.00	30.60	31.50	22.25	GL W XL	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	39.16	12.75	
GL W LG	—	32.00	33.42	33.75	27.35	32.00	19.75	GL W LG	34.00	—	—	—	—	—	37.44	5.50	
GL W MD	—	26.60	22.25	23.00	23.49	25.00	20.25	GL W MD	—	—	27.00	—	—	—	31.63	7.50	
GL W SM	25.33	22.00	20.50	23.00	21.25	23.50	8.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	1.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	24.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	17.80	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	
NRBS - 48	16.40	17.40	20.50	21.50	18.68	20.23	50.00	NRBS - 42	12.00	14.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	15.36	17.00	13.00	NRBS - 39	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	7.50	8.50	2.00										

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/21/99 - 11/27/99**Origin**

State	AZ	AR	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	PA	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	343	0	0	0	0	1,442	0	1,364	0	0	3,149
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192	0	192
S. CA	912	810	2,858	8,033	948	3,193	1,625	2,614	0	780	2,480	0	860	25,113
TTL STATE	912	810	2,858	8,376	948	3,193	1,625	2,614	1,442	780	3,844	192	860	28,454

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	69-72	58-61	40-43	9-12

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-57	45-51	43-48	28-33	21-25

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
22-24	14-16	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
58.55	50.33	39.09

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/29/99	11/22/99	11/30/98
PACIFIC COAST	94	96	22
LOS ANGELES	0	0	22

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR November 29, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 11/21/99-11/27/99
30-dozen cases 3,017

Receipts from the mainland: 11/14/99-11/20/99
30-dozen cases 3,115

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